

Martin O'Malley, *Governor*
Anthony G. Brown, *Lt. Governor*



James T. Smith, Jr., *Secretary*
Melinda B. Peters, *Administrator*

March 4, 2014

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) had previously notified you of an upcoming stream restoration project on the Upper Little Patuxent River in your community. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the progress of the project. The design is being finalized and SHA is in the process of obtaining the necessary permits for construction. Construction is expected to begin in early Summer 2014.

The project is part of SHA's efforts to implement the goals of the federal *Clean Water Act* by completing initiatives that help filter runoff from roads and other impervious surfaces. The proposed restoration design will eliminate the unstable stream banks, debris jams and other flow obstructions contributing to excessive erosion and sediment deposits. Our contractor will use a combination of techniques including stream bank grading and installing log structures within the stream channel and stream banks for stability. The project area will be planted with trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants following construction. All work will be performed on Howard County property.

A written response to this letter is not necessary. More information will be provided as the project progresses. In addition, a website will be established to provide up-to-date project information. We thank you for your cooperation concerning these project activities.

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Sincerely,

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